



NEWSLETTER 9 – JULY 2008

TRIAL UPDATE

42 PATIENTS WERE RECRUITED OVER MAY AND JUNE

798 patients have been recruited to the TracMan trial at the time of going to press!

TracMan is the **largest** tracheostomy timing trial in the world! (...but we need to get even bigger and are aiming for **1000 patients!**) **Recruitment to the trial will finish in just under 6 months on 31st December 2008 – PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENTER AS MANY ELIGIBLE PATIENTS INTO THE TRIAL AS YOU CAN.**

May and June's recruitment figures are: (in order of number of patients recruited)

St Thomas' Hospital, London	9
Southampton General Hospital	5
Medway Maritime Hospital	3
Castle Hill Hospital, Hull	2
John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford	2
St Richards Hospital, Chichester	2
Watford General Hospital	2
Bedford Hospital	1
Birmingham Heartlands Hospital	1
Causeway Hospital, Ireland	1
Derriford Hospital, Plymouth	1
Harrogate District General Hospital	1
Kings Mill Hospital, Nottinghamshire	1
Liver ICU, Kings College Hospital, London	1
Luton and Dunstable Hospital	1
North Middlesex Hospital	1
Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth	1
Royal Hampshire County Hospital	1
Royal Preston Hospital	1
Stafford General Hospital	1
Torbay Hospital	1
University Hospital, Lewisham	1
Weston General Hospital	1
Wythenshawe Hospital	1

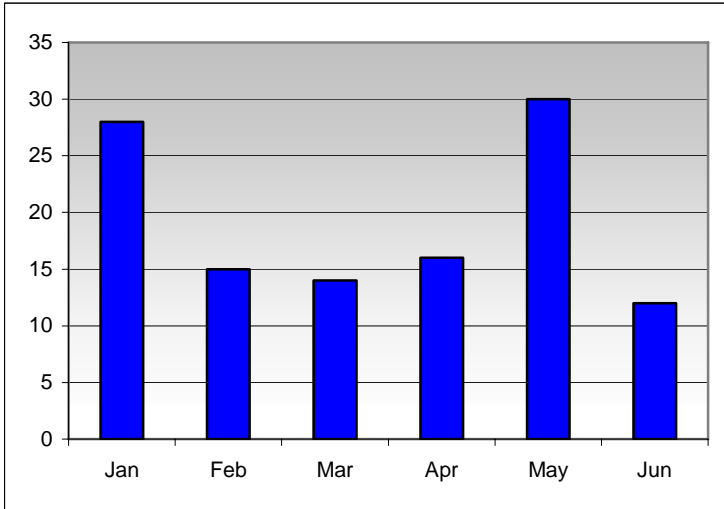


FIRST PATIENTS RECRUITED

Since the last Newsletter, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, the North Middlesex Hospital and Watford General Hospital have all recruited their first patients to the trial. **THANK YOU.**

RECRUITMENT SO FAR THIS YEAR

Thank you for all of the patients recruited so far this year, we still have another 202 to go to hit our 1000 patient target; this will need us to recruit 34 patients a month from July onwards!



CONFERENCE PLACES

Congratulations to St Thomas' Hospital, Southampton University Hospital and Medway Maritime Hospital, who were the 3 highest recruiting TracMan units in May.

Congratulations to St Thomas' Hospital, London, Southampton University Hospital and Watford General Hospital who were the 3 highest recruiting TracMan units in June.

This results in each unit being able to claim up to £640 to allow staff to attend a conference of their choice as a small thank you from the Trial.



REMEMBER: TRACHY

- T**hink TracMan on every ward round
- R**aise the question at the bedside
- A**sk yourself how else the profile of TracMan can be raised locally
- C**heck the patient entry criteria on the Recruitment Pack envelope
- H**elp us to help you.....book a nurse visit
- Y**ou can make a difference!

Patients potentially suitable for Tracman are those:

- Who have been on the ICU for less than 96 hours,
- Currently intubated with an endotracheal tube, and
- There is a high chance they will require 7 days or more of ventilatory support.



Remember!

Just one!

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If every ICU eligible to recruit patients to the trial recruited at least 1 patient each month to the trial, we could finish with over 1500 patients!!!!

DATA COLLECTION BOOKLETS

Thank you for all data collection booklets that have arrived in the office, of the 798 randomised patients, we currently have complete data for 753.

Please post your data booklets into the office as soon as a trial patient is discharged from your ICU. If you need more data collection booklets or more freepost envelopes, please call Chris on 01865 857652 who will be happy to post some out to you.



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